Bird Feeder

Make bird feeder so you can observe birds and participate in World Migratory Bird Day on 10/11.

Kit contains:

- 1 paper plate
- 4 pipe cleaners/chenille stems
- 1 bag of bird seed

You will need:

- a hole punch, nail, or sharp pencil
- coloring supplies (optional)
- O-shaped cereal, like Cheerios (optional)

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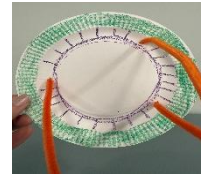
INSTRUCTIONS

(1) If you would like to decorate your paper plate, do that first.

(2) Poke three holes in the paper plate as shown. Space them about equal distances apart. They do not need to be exact. Put one pipe cleaner through each hole.



(3) Twist the three pipe cleaners together on the bottom of the plate.

(4) Optional: If you have cereal like Cheerios at home, you can thread them onto the loose ends of the three pipe cleaners.

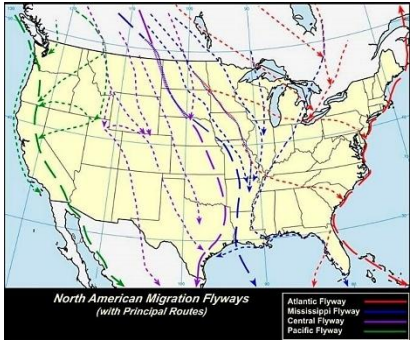
(5) Twist the three pipe cleaners together at the top. Add the fourth pipe cleaner twisted around in a loop.

(6) Put bird seed on the plate and hang it somewhere outside that the birds can get to and you can observe, like a tree.

(7) Watch the birds that come to your feeder. Refill the bird seed as needed.

OBSERVING BIRDS

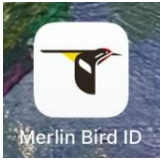
This time of year is an exciting time for bird-watching because many birds are currently migrating. **Migration** is when animals move across a long distance to a different habitat. Many birds migrate north in the spring to live in cooler climates for the summer, then migrate south in the fall to live in warmer climates for the winter. The journey is very long, and birds stop to rest along the way. Maybe they'll stop at your feeder!



On **World Migratory Bird Day (10/11)**, you can participate with thousands of other people who are bird-watching and helping scientists! Use the eBird website or app to track the birds you see and help scientists understand more about bird migration. If you can't participate on October 11, you can still keep track of the birds you observe.

https://ebird.org/news/october-big-day-2025

Other Bird-watching Resources



Merlin Bird ID: free on phone or tablet. This app allows you to identify birds by sound, by taking a picture, or by description. It is very helpful for any bird-watching.

A bird migration map that shows real-time activity for migrating birds: **https://birdcast.info/migration-tools/live-migration-maps/**

A live stream of bird feeders around Cornell Lab of Ornithology: **allaboutbirds.org/cams/cornell-lab-feederwatch**

Of course, there are lots of bird books at the library!